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6. AND SPECIFICALLY CORRELATED TO MIG ACTIVITY.

0705ZSECTION THLM - SAM/AAA ACTIVITYPART ALFA 1. DURING THE LATE 0100Z HOUR A FLIGH OF TWO RF4CS(KINGDOM) WERE TARGETED FOR A PHOTO RECCE ALONG A STRIPFROM 21-24N 105-32E TO 21-29N 105-51E. DURING THEIRMISSION THEY WERE FIRED ON BY TH SAM BNS WITH FOUR SA-2MISSILES. ONE RF4C WAS DMAGED AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS LOST. BOTH PILOTS OF THE RF4C WERE CAPTURED. DURING THE APPROACH AND TARGET RUN CONTINUOUS [REDACTED] WERE RECEIVED. AT 0152Z, WHILE AT 21-38N 105-45E, OPERATIONAL REPORTS STATE THE PILOTS SAW TWO SAMs THAT PASSED BEHIND AND BELOW THE FLIGHT. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, A H RID AND FOURTH MISSILE WERE SIGHTED WHILE THE ACFT WERE AT 21-26N 105-50E AND 21-20N 105-53E. ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE MISSILES HIT THE ACFT, ONE APPARENTLY SUFFERED BATTLE DAMAGE AND THE CREW EJECTED AT 20-54N 105-30E. BEGINNING AT 0144Z, SAM BN VI463 WAS REFLECTED REPORTING TRACKING DATA ON THE INGRESSING FLIGH OF RF4CS. INITIALLY DETECTED 63 HMS WEST NORTHWEST OF HANOI, AND IDENTIFIED AS THO ACFT AT 16,400 FT, THE TRACK CONTINUED NORTHEAST UNTIL IT CROSSED THE TAM DAO MOUNTAIN RIDGE, WHERE IT TURNED TO THE SOUTHEAST.

THE LAUNCH OF TWO

MISSILES AT 0153Z AT AN ANGLE AND AZIMUTH OF PROBABLY 325 DEGREES 10.8 HNS. THE TARGET AT THIS TIME WAS IN THE VIC OF 21-31N 105-47E. THE BN SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED FIRING TWO MISSILES HEAD ON USING THE THREE POINT METHOD. THE MISSILES EXPLODED AT THE TARGET. AS THE TARGET PASSED THE BN, THEY TURNED TO 180 DEGREES TO FIRE AGAIN, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PICK THE TARGET UP. ANALYSIS OF TRACKING DATA SUGGESTS THAT THE BN IS LOCATED IN THE VIC OF 21-21N 105-52E. APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES LATER, SAM BN VI424 WAS NOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE 238TH REGT CTLR. THE CONVERSATIONS INDICATED THAT THE AAA HAD CAPTURED BOTH PILOTS ALIVE. REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO THE LAUNCH OF TWO MISSILES BY A NEIGHBORING BN. THE TARGET WAS REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED OVER ALREADY AND WAS FAR WHEN THE MISSILES DETONATED. APPARENTLY THE RANGE OF THE TARGET, THE CALCULATED INTERCEPT POINT, OR THE POINT OF ACTUAL DETONATION WAS IN DOUBT BECAUSE THE CONVERSATION INDICATED THAT CONFUSION EXISTED AS TO EXACTLY WHAT HAD HAPPENED. SINCE THE NO BNS HAD LAUNCHED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND THE ACFT HAD NOT BEEN DOWN IMMEDIATELY, IT WAS UNKNOWN WHICH BATTALION SHOULD GET THE CREDIT FOR THE SHOOT DOWN. JAMMING HAD PROBABLY BEEN ENCOUNTERED SINCE THE CONTROLLER REPORTED, THAT IT WAS RAINING

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VERY HARD. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE A REFERENCE TO FCM (WEATHER AT THIS TIME WAS GOOD, NO RAIN, VIS 12 HNS). THE NUMBER OF MISSILES LAUNCHED BY V1424 HAS NEVER REVEALED. AT LEAST FOUR FANSONGS WERE NOTED ACTIVE IN THE HANOI AREA DURING THE TIME FRAME OF THE SHOOT DOWN. ONE OF THESE CAN BE EQUATED TO (V1472 (VH142)). OF INTEREST, ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THE 238TH REGT CNRLR WAS HOED IN A PROPAGANDA MESSAGE TO V1424 REFERRING TO THE CAPTURE ALIVE OF THE TWO PILOTS, AND A MESSAGE WAS REFLECTED BEING TRANSMITTED FROM LAO CAI TO HANOI CONGRATULATING THE HANOI HAIPHONG MILITARY ON THEIR COMBINED EFFORTS OF SHOOTING DOWN AN AMERICAN ON THE 17TH. 2. DURING THE 0000Z AND 0500Z AND THE 0700Z HOURS, US NAVY STRIKE FORCES ATTACKED THE HAIPHONG RR/HWY BRIDGE. THESE STRIKES WERE SUBJECTED TO HEAVY DRV SAM ACTIVITY HOWEVER, NO US ACFT WERE DAMAGED OR LOST TO SAMS. THE INITIAL STRIKE OCCURRED BETWEEN 0035 AND 0038Z WHEN 12 ACFT, SUPPORTED BY FOUR IRON HAND ACFT HIT THE TARGET. DURING THIS STRIKE PILOTS OBSERVED ONE SAM. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DRV SAM COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED SAM ON V1472. OF THE EAST HANOI SAM REGIMENT OBSERVING THE STRIKE AND PASSING AZIMUTH/RANGE INFORMATION TO THE REGT CTR. ANALYSIS OF THIS TRACKING RECONFIRMS THE BN TO BE LOCATED AT 27-56N 105-58E [REDACTED] (VH142). AT 0052Z THE BN REPORTED TWO RAIDS AND FOUR ACFT FLEW AWAY. . . . TWO PAIRS . . . FLEW ACROSS HAIPHONG, THE ONE IN FRONT WAS THE FALSE ONE. . . . HOW THE RAIDS ARE FLYING AWAY. THE REFERENCE TO FALSE ONE MAY BE A REFERENCE TO ALQ-51 JAMMING. THE SECOND STRIKE FORCE CONSISTED OF ELEVEN AGES AND FOUR IRON HAND SUPPORT ACFT. THE ACFT ATTACKED BETWEEN 0516 AND 0528Z. PILOTS OBSERVED NO SAMS DURING THIS ACTIVITY. [REDACTED] NO SIGNALS WERE DETECTED [REDACTED] DURING THIS TIME FRAME. XXHH 097 HHHH

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